

Arsenal Made Permanent Installation

Action Guarantees Continuous Operation In Some Activities

Joliet Arsenal has been designated a permanent installation of the Army Ordnance Corps, it was announced today by Col. R. B. Currens, Commanding Officer.

This means that the local \$144 million ammunition facility now joins the ranks of such permanent military bases as Fort Sheridan, Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Rock Island Arsenal and others throught the United States.

FROM A community standpoint, the new permanent designation all but guarantees that some activities will be carried on continuously at the installation, in both wartime and peacetime periods. Up until now, Joliet Arsenal was one of about 40 temporary installations of the Army Ordnance Corps. Like the others, it was subject to complete closedown when ammunition production was not needed for the national defense.

Another effect of the new classification is to permit new construction of a permanent type (brick, concrete, etc.) at the installation, which was not allowed in the past under the Army's policy of using only the less expensive temporary type construction at all temporary installations.

IN THE future, new buildings erected at the Arsenal will be of permanent construction, unless they are intended for only temporary use.

The re-classification of the local facility was made by Army General Order No. 87, establishing Joliet Arsenal as a "permanent class II industrial installation under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Ordnance." Although dated Sept. 23, the order was effective Sept. 1. "Class II is the classification applied to industrial installations, as differentiated from continental army commands, troop training centers, etc."

The present Joliet Arsenal includes the Kankakee Unit and the Elwood Unit. The Kankakee Unit is operated under a cost-plus-fixed-fee contract by the U. S. Rubber Company and the Elwood Unit is Government operated.